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REGIONAL PARK AND
OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**

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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE SPECIFIED EXCESS FUNDS
AVAILABLE TO THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF
GRANTS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate Specified Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, in an amount not to exceed \$2,938,000, for grants to the grantees and projects listed herein.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed projects categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the records of the projects.
2. Allocate an amount not to exceed \$900,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the George Lane Skate Park Development Project.
3. Allocate an amount not to exceed \$650,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Devil's Punchbowl General Improvements Project.

4. Allocate an amount not to exceed \$950,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Kare Youth League for the Kare Park Development Project.
5. Allocate an amount not to exceed \$188,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps for the Sturtevant Camp Rehabilitation Project.
6. Allocate an amount not to exceed \$250,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Rose Bowl Legacy Connections for the Rose Bowl Area H General Improvements Project.
7. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award grants when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grants as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$2,938,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition A), to fund various projects as follows:

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) – George Lane Skate Park Development – \$900,000

The proposed George Lane Skate Park Development Project involves the development of a skate park at the existing George Lane Park in the unincorporated community of Quartz Hill, including the construction of an in-ground concrete skate park with sports lighting, covered seating area, drinking fountain, and the installation of perimeter fencing, concrete walkways, and other amenities.

DPR – Devil's Punchbowl General Improvements – \$650,000

The proposed Devil's Punchbowl General Improvements Project involves general improvements to the Devil's Punchbowl Natural Area, including refurbishments to the existing nature center building, classrooms, parking lot, exterior woodwork, walkways, and paving.

On May 31, 2016, the Board awarded \$650,000 in 1996 Proposition A Specified Excess Funds to DPR for the Devil's Punchbowl General Improvements Project. However, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 allocation expired when the grant agreement remained unexecuted on July 1, 2016. As a result, the allocation is being recommended again in the new FY 2016-17.

Kare Youth League (KYL) – Kare Park Development Phase III – \$950,000

The proposed Kare Park Development Phase III Project involves the development of a multi-purpose facility adjacent to the Santa Fe Dam, at the junction of the 605 Freeway and Arrow Highway in the City of Irwindale, including the design and construction of soccer field, baseball/softball diamond, play area, picnic shelter, snack shops, and other park amenities.

On October 15, 2013 and November 3, 2015, the Board awarded a total of \$1,500,000 in 1996 Proposition A Cities Excess Funds to KYL for the Kare Park Development Phase III Project. The recommended \$950,000 will enable Kare Park to complete the final phase.

San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps (SGVCC) – Sturtevant Camp Rehabilitation – \$188,000

The proposed Sturtevant Camp Rehabilitation Project involves the rehabilitation of Camp Sturtevant located in the Big Santa Anita Canyon, Angeles Forest, including the repair of siding termite, stack stone wall, and cabin floor; building of retaining wall; and installation of base board molding in cabins.

Rose Bowl Legacy Connections (RBLC) – Rose Bowl Area H General Improvements – \$250,000

The proposed Rose Bowl Area H General Improvements Project involves general improvements to Area H, the 19 acres adjacent to the Rose Bowl Stadium, including the development of a walking and jogging path around the perimeter of Area H, and American Disabilities Acts (ADA) compliant wheelchair ramps to access the proposed path.

Each grantee is obligated to secure any and all additional funding required to complete their respective project.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), be authorized to award grants when applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1996 Proposition A, as well as grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project. It is further recommended that the Director be authorized to administer the grant under procedures previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Community Support and Responsiveness (Goal 2) by providing grant funds to enhance healthy activities in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant in an amount not to exceed \$2,938,000 is budgeted in the RPOSD's Excess Project Funds, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition A requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The grantees meet this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition A provides a method for determining, each fiscal year, the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grants will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial

District for Specified Projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director will be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by the RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The County of Los Angeles is the lead agency for the George Lane Skate Park Development and Devil's Punchbowl General Improvements Projects. The RPOSD is the lead agency for the Kare Park Development Phase III, Sturtevant Camp Rehabilitation, and Rose Bowl Area H General Improvements Projects.

The proposed George Lane Skate Park Development Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of the construction of an in-ground concrete skate park with sports lighting, covered seating area, drinking fountain, and the installation of perimeter fencing, concrete walkways and other amenities, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303 and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3 and 4 (b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project consists of the construction of small new facilities or structures; and minor alterations in the condition of land.

The proposed Devil's Punchbowl General Improvements Project is categorically exempt from the CEQA. The project, which consists of replacing roofing on the nature center building and classroom; repairing/painting exterior woodwork; repaving the parking lot; replacing an outdoor restroom; and repairing site walkways and paving, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (a)(d), 15302 (c), and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1 (c)(d), 2 (a), and 4 (b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves interior or exterior alterations of existing facility; restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment at an existing facility; replacement of existing structures involving negligible or no expansion of capacity; and minor alterations in the condition of land.

The proposed Sturtevant Camp Rehabilitation Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which involves the repair of siding termite, stack stone wall, and cabin floor; building of retaining wall; and installation of base board molding in cabins, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301(a)(d) and 15303 (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1 (c)(d) and 3 (b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves interior or exterior alterations of existing facility; restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures or facilities to meet current standards of public health and safety; and construction of small new structures.

The proposed Rose Bowl Area H General Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which involves the development of a walking and jogging path around the perimeter of Area H and ADA compliant wheelchair ramps to access the proposed path, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303 (e) and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3 (b) and 4 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project consists of the construction of small new structures and minor alterations to land.

The proposed projects above will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees. Additionally, the proposed projects are not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed projects' records.

On November 3, 2015, the Board found the Kare Youth League's Kare Park Development Phase III Project to be categorically exempt from CEQA.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Project Agreements will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by the RPOSD. The recommended projects will promote healthy activities in public spaces in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

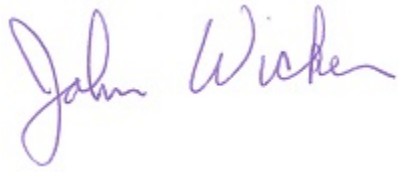
Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Programs Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Directors

9/6/2016

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "John Wicker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JOHN WICKER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors